Violence in Assam during HM visit

1353. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North-Eastern Assam was rocked with violence during the visit of Union Home Minister in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the militant groups responsible for violence in Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their violent activities; and

(e) the steps taken to bring them to mainstream of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No major violence was reported in Assam during September, 2004.

(c) and (d) The militant outfits active in Assam are United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD), United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) and Karbi Longri NC Hills Liberation Front (KLNLF). Their demands range from separate Statehood to sovereign State.

(e) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have right kind of laws and modernize and strengthen the Policy/Security Forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in society.

Establishment of Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan Region

1354. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Maharashtra has been demanding to the Union Home Affairs for the establishment of Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan region;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and steps taken or proposed to be taken in this respect; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Maharashtra has been requested to reconsider its proposal considering the development which has already taken place in the region and revealed in the Human Development Report published by the Government of Maharashtra.

Attacks by Terrorists

1355. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of attacks by terrorists in different States of the country during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 upto October, 2004;

(b) the number of people killed and injured during the said period; and

(c) the number of raids made by the security personnel against the terrorists and the number of terrorists held up during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) During the year 2003 and 2004 (upto October 2004), 4322 persons (civilians+SFs+terrorists) in 5624 incidents in J&K, 1860 persons in 2237 incidents in North-Eastern States and 1276 persons in 2927 incidents in Naxal-affected States were killed.

The information regarding injured persons is not maintained by the Central Government.

(c) During the said period, 700 terrorists in J&K, 1706 extremists in North-Eastern States and 2552 Naxalites in Naxal-affected States were arrested.